



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development

WHEREAS, the Association for Non-White Concerns (ANWC) was founded in 1972 as a division of the American Personnel and Guidance Association (APGA), which is now known as the American Counseling Association (ACA); in 1985, ANWC was renamed with a new structure and mission as the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD); and

WHEREAS, AMCD was established by the leadership of Samuel H. Johnson, who helped pave the way with other founders for people of color and other minorities to be respected and embraced as professionals and leaders in the ACA, opening a space for multiculturalism to be widely recognized as the "fourth force" in counseling; and

WHEREAS, AMCD endorses a greater consciousness and appreciation of multicultural therapeutic practices, and emphasizes the impact of cultural and ethnic differentiation among counseling professionals, striving to advance the standard of care and delivery of counseling and development services; and

WHEREAS, AMCD publishes an award-winning refereed quarterly journal, the *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, that includes practice-based multicultural processes, outcome research, and case studies; and

WHEREAS, AMCD left a lasting mark on the counseling profession with the widely cited policy document "Multicultural Counseling Competencies and Standards: A Call to the Profession," which drew from the work of AMCD's Professional Standards Committee and opened the door to significant academic curriculum changes that have transformed the counseling profession as a whole and provided a firm platform to further enhance the multicultural awareness, knowledge, and skills of helping professionals in a wide variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, AMCD will hold its annual conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i, in March 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as

"ASSOCIATION FOR MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the lasting contributions of AMCD in advancing multicultural competence and equality for those in the counseling profession and beyond.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of March 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i